

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 6 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 5 and 6 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claim 5. Accordingly, claim 5 is canceled.

The other rejected claims, claims 2-4, are also canceled. Claim 6 is amended in view of the cancellation of claim 5 and the amendments made to claim 1. Accordingly, the application, with claims 1 and 6 remaining, is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references listed on, and to return initialed copy of, the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the December 5, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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